

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the interview on 6/6/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5,6 and 9-12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 6/12/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Philip Weiss on June 6, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims have been amended to read the following:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A wrapped ream of paper consisting of:

A. a composite wrap material, said composite wrap material consisting of:

a first inner layer of paper having a basis weight of about 20-60 lbs/3,000 sq. ft;

a second outer layer of a solid polymer film material, said polymer film being

solid during lamination to said paper; and

an adhesive layer between the first and second layers, wherein the adhesive is

composed of a polymer material selected from the group consisting of

polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinylidene chloride, polyethylene acrylic

acid, polyester, polyisobutylene, nylon, polymethylpentene, and ethylene vinyl

acetate, and copolymers thereof; and

B. a ream of paper;

wherein said composite wrap material is wrapped around said ream of paper such that the first layer is placed next to the ream of paper which is wrapped by said composite wrap material, and said second layer is an outside of said composite wrap material.

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Claims 2-4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Amended) The wrapped ream of paper according to claim 1, wherein the first layer is composed of a material selected from the group consisting of machine finished paper, machine glazed paper, tissue, air laid fabric, wet laid fabric, creped tissue and metallized paper.

Claim 6 (Amended) The wrapped ream of paper according to claim 1, wherein the second layer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene and polyester.

Claims 7-8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Amended) The wrapped ream of paper according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is composed of a wax/polymer blend.

Claim 10 (Amended) The wrapped ream of paper according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is composed of a hot-melt adhesive.

Claim 11 (Amended) The wrapped ream of paper according to claim 1, wherein one or more of the layers are pigmented.

Claim 12 (Amended) The wrapped ream of paper according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the first or second layer is composed of a metallized material.

Claims 13-23 (Cancelled)

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach or render obvious a wrapped ream of paper consisting of the ream of paper and a composite wrap consisting of an inner paper layer, an outer polymer film layer which is solid during lamination to said paper with an adhesive layer therebetween.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monique R. Jackson whose telephone number is 571-272-1508. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on 571-272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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